

**ISFIELD VILLAGE HALL CHARITY
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY, 2021 to 31 DECEMBER, 2021**

THE CHARITY

Isfield Village Hall Charity, registration number 1034030, Isfield Village Hall, Station Road, Isfield, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN225XG.

Trustees as at 31 December, 2021: Ron Levett, Katherine Meakin, Rosemary Bridges, Brenda Reynolds, Margaret Levett, Beverley Ashford, Jo Pointing, Sara Mackenzie, Hilary Harvey and Mike Upton

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is regulated by a Scheme made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the 3rd September, 1968 as altered by an Order made by the Charity Commissioners for England Wales on the 19th September, 2003.

The freehold of the Village Hall is vested in Isfield Parish Council which is the Custodian Trustee of the Village Hall Charity and it is administered and managed by the Isfield Village Hall Management Committee.

The Management Committee is made up of five elected Trustees and has the power to appoint 10 representative Trustees from organisations within the village of Isfield and up to two co-optative Trustees. The Management Committee holds six meetings each year and an Annual General Meeting. All Trustees resign and can stand for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are recruited from local organisations by invitation and from local residents by word of mouth or advertisement.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objective of the Village Hall Charity is the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Isfield without distinction of political, religious or other opinions for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As custodians of a beautiful early 20th Century former Church of England school that needs careful attention the Management Committee continued to monitor the condition of the building and carry out any maintenance

work as and when needed. Outgoings were consistent with management of an old building.

The Friends of Isfield Village Hall continue to make an important contribution to reserves. Donations for 2021 were similar to those for 2020 in spite of a fairly significant number of new houses in the village. Gift Aid has been received on the donations

The Funding Committee which was set up in 2020 to look into the availability of grants for major projects has held a number of meetings and discussions have taken place with the Partnership and Funding Officer at Wealden District Council which indicate that funding could well be obtained for a project. It will be necessary to obtain Planning Permission and three estimates before making any applications for funding.

Plans have therefore been drawn up for the construction of a small extension to provide disabled toilets and improved storage for chairs and tables and a folding stage. The plans were unanimously approved by the Management Committee at its December meeting. It is proposed to present the plans to Isfield Parish Council at its January meeting and it is understood that the Parish Council will support the proposal both as freeholder and through the planning process

It is considered that the Charity has performed well thanks to the efforts of the Management Committee in maintaining the premises in a condition that makes them very attractive to hirers. Fortunately Government restrictions were lifted in time for a very successful Frost Fair to be held in November raising significant funds for the Village Hall.

The availability of the Village Hall has proved to have a significant public benefit and regular users have remained constant. Its availability was much missed during lockdown and bookings rapidly returned to normal once restrictions were lifted. Public confidence in the safety of the Hall was improved by the purchase of a "Fogger" which has been used regularly to mist all surfaces with an anti viral/bacterial liquid. In addition to regular users the Hall is used by all ages in the community for parties, wedding and anniversary celebrations, funeral teas, receptions, arts and crafts workshops, AGM's and meetings, exhibitions and flower shows. The search for additional new and interesting activities will continue.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The continued loss of income was very worrying but it emerged that the Village Hall was eligible for further small business COVID grants from Wealden District Council amounting to £18,708.

The Charity ended the year with a profit of £19,756.65 which is a healthy position in which to start the new financial year.

Donations from the Friends are held in a deposit account and had accumulated to the point where it was decided to spend the funds on replacing the original windows with upvc double glazed units which would reduce both heating and maintenance costs. A local firm undertook the work and the units are such good replicas that it is hard to tell the difference.

The Charity has a reserve of £54,880.53 invested with the Charities Official Investment Fund. This sum can be drawn on if necessary. It has an Endowment which is valued at £52,325.03 which is also invested with the Charities Official Investment Fund on which it receives the income.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

Ronald Levett

Chairman

14th February, 2022

<u>Income</u>	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
Hire of Hall and Equipment	9,991.00	5,497.00
Donations and Grants	20,586.00	10,490.00
Donations from The Friends of Isfield Village hall	1,735.00	1,155.00
Gift Aid on Previous Year's Friends' donations	288.84	466.28
Summer Fair & Frost Fair income	1,258.00	200.00
Refund from EDF	166.09	-
Interest from COIF deposit account	6.09	98.10
Dividend income from permanent endowment	1,345.37	1,319.17
Interest from Friends' Deposit account	0.90	6.49
	<u>35,377.29</u>	<u>19,232.04</u>

<u>Expenditure</u>		
Rates	50.65	26.00
Water/Waste	326.06	344.97
Electricity	456.00	636.00
General Upkeep and cleaning materials	361.86	801.14
Replacement windows	9,298.80	-
Floor maintenance	-	662.40
Laptop	338.99	-
Expenses relating to The Friends of Isfield Village Hall	31.13	-
Printing (flyers etc.) & Flower Show advert	27.38	-
Boiler service and maintenance	132.00	114.00
Website expenses	267.00	145.00
Heating oil	-	488.01
Insurance	1,374.20	1,347.17
Caretaker/Booking Manager	2,871.45	2,783.97
Replacement fixtures & fittings	-	598.80
Tributes	40.00	-
TunbridgeWells fire protection	45.12	45.12
	<u>15,620.64</u>	<u>7,992.58</u>

<u>Difference</u>		
Surplus Income over Expenditure	19,756.65	11,239.46

<u>Balance of Assets at 31st December 2021</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Debtor re Hire of Hall	-	-
Money received in advance re Hire of Hall	-	4,854.33
Balance in Current account at bank	15,928.27	16,070.82
Balance in Deposit Account at bank (Friends)	10,857.22	7,677.48
Balance in COIF bank account	54,880.53	38,529.07
Petty Cash	572.93	204.93
Total Cash	<u>82,238.95</u>	<u>67,336.63</u>
Value of permanent endowment	52,325.03	45,824.60
Percentage Movement on permanent endowment	14.19%	6.64%
Movement on permanent endowment	6,500.43	2,851.54

KJ. Meakin

Accounts prepared by Mrs K J Meakin (Treasurer)

9/1/22

Date

Ross

Examined and approved by Mr R S F Smither (Examiner)

09/01/22

Date

R Levett

Approved at AGM by Trustees Mr R Levett (Chairman)

7/02/22

Date

Independent Examiner's Report

To: Isfield Village Hall Trustees

I report on the accounts of Isfield Village hall for the year ended 31st December 2021, as set out in the accompanying pages.

Basis of this Report

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by Isfield Village hall and a comparison of the accounts with those records.

It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether or not the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....

Mr Ross Smither

2 Elms Cottages, Isfield,

Date.....09/01/22.....

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